

September 8, 1955

Dear Aleck:

We trust you and Helen returned safely to England, and are not incarcerated in some Canadian dungeon (are there any?) for lack of a passport. Not very much has gone on here-- we had the worst summer in recent recollection, no day in August failing to top 90°, and our garage at home still is not completed. But we're having a very pleasant season right now.

I know you and Helen must still be preoccupied with unpacking and getting settled, but I wonder if you couldn't check a few items from your respective notes so that I can tidy up my own records:

1. Aleck-- did you mention to me that one of the purported F- testers was misbehving? What were the details? I should have noted the matter at the time, but I don't find it mentioned in your abstracts.

2. Helen-- I was looking for a culture of B the other day, and failing any other, thought to use Weed's "1069A". But I can't find any stabs (as I thought you had left behind) of this or of 1069Bl-orB-2. If you can suggest where the copies are, would you let me know, or otherwise send me subcultures, if the stabs you took along are still viable. I am also missing a sheet, probably labelled 1069, which gives the particulars of these cultures from the occasion that the plates were received. More likely I have misfiled this myself, but you may possibly have either the sheet or your own resume of it. I am assuming that these cultures are B rather than B/r; any details of this kind should be included.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

*Please say hello to
Andy and Anne Clark
then to Sybil and Perry
Such a poor correspondence.*